GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT FAIR

Sponsored by the Federal Executive Board's Small and Disadvantaged Business Opportunity Council (SADBOC) in cooperation with SBA.

Date: November 8, 2006 Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Location: Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn

Center

Cost: FREE to public (Lunch is NOT provided)

Schedule

8:00 Registration 9:00-3:00 Trade Fair 9:00-12:00 Workshops 12:30-3:00 Match-making

Who Should Attend:

Small businesses interested in doing business with government agencies their prime contractors can meet with representatives from the respective organizations in a trade show environment or sign-up for scheduled appointments. In addition, attendees can participate in workshops on topics ranging from obtaining a GSA schedule to how to sell to the state of Minnesota. Small businesses owned by ethnic minorities, veterans, and women can learn about special programs designed to provide better access to the government marketplace.

Exhibiting Organizations:

Federal:

Air Force Reserve 934th Airlift Wing General Services Administration

National Park Service – St. Croix N.S.R.

U.S. Army Corps – St. Paul District

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Forest Service Research Station

U.S. Forest Service: Superior and Chippewa

U.S. Government Printing Office

USDA Natural Resources Conservation

Service

U.S. Small Business Administration VA Medical Center-Minneapolis VA Medical Center- St. Cloud **Prime Contractors**

3M

Alliant Techsystems

BAE Systems

Cargill

Construction Capital Inc.

Donaldson

Express Scripts

Fastenal

General Dynamics

HDR

Lockheed Martin Tactical Systems

MDS Caswell

Medtronic

MTS Systems

Short Elliot and Hendrickson (SEH)

Stanley Consultants

Tennant Company

State / Local

City of Minneapolis
City of St. Paul
Hennepin County
Metropolitan Airports Commission
Metropolitan Council
Minneapolis Public Housing Authority
Minnesota Dept. of Administration
University of Minnesota

Nonprofit Organizations

Center for Women Entrepreneurs
Defense Alliance of Minnesota
Diversity Information Resources
Procurement Technical Assistance Center
(PTAC)
Metropolitan Economic Development
Association
Minnesota Minority Supplier Development
Council
National Association of Purchasing
Managers
National Association of Women Business
Owners (NAWBO)
SCORE

Scheduled Matchmaking:

From 12:30 to 3:00 we will be offering scheduled appointments between small businesses sellers and government/corporate buyers. Each appointment will be approximately ten minutes in duration. The appointments will be scheduled on a commodity/service basis. Sellers (small businesses) will complete a form stating what product or service they provide. They will be matched with a government or corporate buyer interested in that good or service. Small businesses interested in scheduled match-making appointments can sign up by completing and submitting the form here.

We will make every effort to find a match for every interested small business; however, we cannot guarantee everyone will have a match.

WORKSHOPS:

Carriage Hall B

8:15 Marketing your Products and/or Services at a Trade Show – Adam Associates

9:00 Certification Panel – Certification Panel – MMSDC, Center for Women Entrepreneurs, CERT, Metropolitan Council, SBA and State of Minnesota

10:00 Selling to the Federal Government -, Procurement Technical Assistance Center

11:00 Understanding GSA's Multiple Awards Schedules-, General Services Administration

Captain's Room

9:00 Selling to the State of Minnesota-State of Minnesota

11:00 Gulf Coast Reconstruction and Homeland Security Business Opportunities -

Procurement Technical Assistance Center

Harvest A

9:00 Getting Started: How to Complete your Central Contractor Registration (CCR)-Procurement Technical Assistance Center

10:00 8(a) Business Development Orientation –U.S. Small Business Administration

11:00 How Small Business Fits in Corps Contracting –U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Harvest B

9:00 Government Contracting - DO IT RIGHT!-Lindquist & Vennum

10:00 Veterans Resources for Small Business - Defense Alliance of Minnesota

11:00 Contracting Programs for Native American Small Business - UIDA Business Services

DIRECTIONS:

The Procurement Fair will be held at the Earle Brown Heritage Center located at 6155 Earle Brown Drive, in Brooklyn Center. The Earle Brown Heritage Center is located near the intersection of I-94/I-694 and Shingle Creek Parkway. From I94/I-694 exit south on Shingle Creek Parkway, turn left (east) on Summit Drive North, and left on to Earl Brown Drive. The Earl Brown Heritage Center will be on the right. A map is available at www.earlebrown.com or you may call the direction line at (763) 569-3455.

REGISTRATION

Register online at the Minnesota District SBA Office website.